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My dear Father—

There appeared to me to be some
H's & R's wanting as well as C's, so I have ordered
a few.— My habits of Correcting make me see a few
things which had better be altered in the proof sh.
Shall I look at the other proofs also?— I think
it will look very well — but I don't like so many
Dashes in printing — The paper is forwarded —

My poor Friend Keats is by this time dead—
a Letter came today from Dr Severn his Companion
dated 3 weeks ago, in which he says that Dr Clark
thought Keats could not live a fortnight longer
— and today I heard another distressing piece
of Intelligence. John Scott, the Editor of Baldwin's
London Magazine, was shot through the Body
last Night in a Duel at Chalk Farm with Christie
who was to have been Lockhart's Second but the
Meeting taken place between them. I do not

know the ground of this second Affair, but to presume it had its Rise in the former — Darling has attended on Scott who cannot be moved from Calais Town & the letters state that it is very likely the poor Fellow will not live 24 Hours — He saw him last at 10 this Morning —

I have heard nothing further respecting the Lincoln Matter, except that Mr Brownlow called on me Yesterday to ask if it was true that 800£ was forthcoming for the possession of the Retford Living — I told him it was hoped it would be settled, but he thought it impossible to get such a Sum together — I said we should apply to him. — His Friend is Mr Brooks of Soho Street Bedford Row, a Lawyer, to whom Mr. B. Brooks communicated the State of the Negociation. — I shall not likely hear more in a Day or two, when you may depend on the earliest Intelligence. —

Not much liking the Titlepage of the Tract, I sent the Substance of it to Rivington's, & they have set

me a proof from which perhaps you may be able to make yours a little handsomer. — I think you have Types closely resembling Reed's or I would send over the Type to cast — Don't make the letters longer. —

I hope my Friends Mr & Mrs Lowe are by this time with you — Remember me most kindly to them Lowe will be sorry to hear of Scott — Have you any Hebrew Dictionaries? —

I had the pleasure of being instrumental in getting the Church of Norwich Hilton's last Lecture of the Book of Negroes — She expressed her Desire to place it in Norwich Church charging only the Bare Leaves (about 100£) & I thought our Friend Dr Godfrey would be pleased to hear of it — She came to Town directly after, & was much flattered he had by your thinking of him on so favorable an Occasion — She will give the whole Sum rather than it should not be accepted. The Price for Sale is 600 Guineas — I am my dear Father

Your affectionate Son John Taylor

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